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Re:

U.S. Utility Patent Application

Application No. 10/629,699; Filed: July 30, 2003

For:

Valve Pin Guidance and Alignment System for an Injection Molding Apparatus

Inventors:

FISCHER et al.

Our Ref:

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Sir:

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\$180.00- Submission of Information Disclosure Statement;

- 3. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
- 4. Submission of Drawings;
- 5. One sheet of drawings (Figure 21);
- 6. Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
- 7. One page of Form PTO-1449 listing 13 documents (AA1-AM1); and
- 8. Return postcard.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Submitted herewith is one sheet of drawings with Figure 21, corresponding to the above-captioned application. Identification of the drawing is provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(c). Acknowledgment of the receipt, approval, and entry of this drawing into this application is respectfully requested.

It is not believed that an extension of time is required, other than any already provided herewith. However, if an extension of time is needed to prevent abandonment of the application, then such extension of time is hereby petitioned. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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